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SUBJECT: TASS ARTICLE ON AMERICAN PRESS REACTION
TO "PETERSON CASE"

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1. "IZVESTIYA" JUNE 15 PUBLISHED AN UNSIGNED
"TASS CORRESPONDENT'S" DESPATCH DATELINED NEW YORK,
ENTITLED "AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF DETENTE" AND
DEALING WITH AMERICAN PRESS REACTION TO THE "IZVESTIYA"
ARTICLE ACCUSING MARTHA PETERSON OF BEING A CIA SPY
(REFTEL). STATING THAT THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE
DEPARTMENT REFUSE TO COMMENT ON THE CHARGE, THE
ARTICLE CITES THE "WASHINGTON POST" AS CONFIRMING
THAT "M. PTERSON IS A CIA AGENT" AND AS NOTING
THAT THE USE OF POISON BY AMERICAN AGENTS REFUTES
RECENT TESTIMONY BY CIA DIRECTOR TURNER BEFORE CONGRESS
THAT AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE REFRAINS FROM POLITICAL
MURDERS AND OPERATES "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW."

2. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT SOME AMERICAN
PUBLICATIONS AND COMMENTATORS CLAIM THAT SUCH
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ACTIVITY, AS WELL AS THE "PROVOCATIVE OUTCRY ABOUT
SOVIET ESPIONAGE' SANCTIONED BY THE CIA AND FBI",
ARE DAMAGING THE POLICY OF DETENTE. THE LAST TWO
PARAGRAPHS OF THE ARTICLE CONSIST OF QUOTATIONS FROM
AMERICAN JOURNALIST TERRY CANNON, WHO SUPPOSEDLY
WROTE THAT "THE PETERSON AFFAIR IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE
OF CIA SECRET OPERATIONS, IN WHICH EMBASSIES AND

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OTHER U.S. INSTITUTIONS ABROAD ARE USED AS BASES
FOR ESPIONAGE, AND IN THIS CASE FOR MURDER." CANNON
IS FURTHER QUOTED AS WRITING THAT THE RECENT REVELA-
TIONS OF CIA ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET
UNION SHOW THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT
ABANDONED THE AIMS AND METHODS OF THE "COLD WAR"
AND, FAMILIAR SOVIET REFRAIN OF RECENT TIMES,
THAT "SOMEONE" IN THE U.S. IS TRYING TO UNDERMINE
THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE. MATLOCK

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